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C-Store Still Not Equipped to Accept Dining Dollars

BY JONATHON WOODS
Contributing Writer

Despite opening to fanfare from students earlier this semester, the C-Store, the new convenience store in the Blackburn Center, has left some Howard University students disappointed. One reason is that Student Life and Activities has yet to purchase an \$11,000 machine that would allow the store to accept Dining Dollars.

At the opening of the C-Store last month, The Hilltop reported that the C-Store would be accepting Dining Dollars "soon," according to Tonya Guillory, dean of Student Life and Activities.

However, weeks after its opening, Student Life and Activities has yet to purchase the computer, which would allow the use of Dining Dollars in the store.

Though she did not give a specific date for when the machine would be pur-



A computer costing \$11,000 is needed to allow the Blackburn convenience store to accept Dining Dollars. Dean Tonya Guillory of Student Life and Activities says ordering the item as soon as possible is a top priority.

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"Yes we understand the need of the students to have Dining Dollars, and it will happen," Dean Guillory said.

As Dean Guillory works to have the machine purchased, many students continue to avoid making pur-

chases in the store. "I don't go there because, they don't accept dining dollars," said Trinity LeFlore, pre-physical therapy major.

Spencer Chenier, manager of the C-Store, said that he has heard from students who say it would be helpful if the store accepted Dining Dollars. This

was clear earlier this week when Chenier stood in the entrance of the store and randomly asked students what changes they'd like to see in the convenience store.

"If we had ice cream would you buy it," he asked one student, who yelled back "if you took Dining

Dollars."

Not all students mind the fact that the store doesn't accept Dining Dollars and feel that the store is still a good thing. "The store is very convenient," said freshman theatre arts major Sharell Jarvis, "instead of walking all the way to the store [off campus] for something small you need."

Dining Dollars are funds placed into an account that can be used in select stores and restaurants throughout campus. The money is accessed using a student's ID.

In addition to accepting Dining Dollars, students also say they would like the store to offer more variety. Currently the store is partially full with snacks like candy, granola bars, chips and some toiletry items including Advil and deodorant.

Roberta McLeod, director of the Blackburn Center, said items that stu-

dents want will be gradually phased into the store.

Although there are shelves that remain empty, Chenier insists that the store will continue to grow and that students' suggestions are welcomed.

"The students should be very excited about what the store has to offer," said Dean Guillory. "There are many new things that will happen in the store."

Staff responsible for the store insists that the C-Store will continue to survey students and improve the quality of the store.

Other universities like George Washington and The Catholic University of America already have convenience stores in their student centers. Blackburn Director McLeod said the C-Store will evolve to be similar to those other universities.

The Blackburn C-Store is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

iPod Nano Debuts

Despite some screen issues, students are excited about carrying more music in a smaller, sleeker machine.

BY CARLA THOMAS
Contributing Writer

It's sleek, it's compact, and it holds 1,000 songs. "Take everything you love about your iPod and shrink it, then shrink it again," said Apple Computers, Inc. official website. The newest version of the iPod, the iPod Nano, is pencil-thin, yet contains all the features of its predecessor. The Nano was released on Sept. 6 and has completely replaced the iPod Mini.

The Nano can hold up to three days worth of music and can play for up to 14 hours between battery charges. It displays the album cover art in color for songs while they play. The Nano also holds photos, podcasts and audiobooks.

Apple also stated, "You can do it all without looking, but with an iPod this beautiful, who'd want to?" The company is promoting the visual features of the Nano, which include a smooth exterior with the click wheel selection button from previous ver-

sions of the iPods. Users can click the wheel to fast-forward, rewind, play, pause or access menus.

Mike, a sales associate at Best Buy in Potomac Yard, Va., said the main difference between the Nano and the iPod Mini is the weight of the Nano and the color screen.

Although the color screen makes the Nano stand out, a defect in "less than one-tenth of 1 percent" of the iPod has customers complaining. According to BBC News, the fragility of the affected Nanos has made broken LCDs and scratched screens more prevalent.

Accessories can be added to the iPod Nano via the dock connector and headphone jack. "Of course, in either signature white or sleek black, iPod Nano itself makes the ultimate accessory," Apple said.

The iPod Nano can hold up to 4GB of storage. The Nano can hold up to 25,000 photos, has com-

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Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin Continues Howard Tradition

BY KEVIN HARRIS
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Since its founding, Howard University has prided itself on helping to develop some of the brightest black minds the world, and certainly the United States has ever seen. Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin has proven to be one of the many Howard alumni whose life's work has embodied the Howard legacy.

Since being sworn into office four years ago, Franklin's leadership and straight talk stressing transparency and accountability in government has transformed Atlanta into one of the fastest-growing cities in the South.

Though some time has passed since she walked the grounds of Howard's campus as a student during the 1960s, Franklin says she remembers her time here well and credits Howard with helping to build the foundation that made her into a leader.

"I loved Howard and still do," said Franklin in an



Howard alumna and Atlanta Mayor, Shirley Franklin.

interview with The Hilltop. "Howard allowed me to take a wide range of courses. I enjoyed being in class and being engaged with the other students who were smart and so diverse in their opinions."

Franklin added that Howard's urban setting also enriched her experiences here, especially outside of the classroom. "My time there was enhanced

by the fact that the school sits in the city. It really added to the experience. I remember hearing Nancy Wilson, Roberta Flack and John Coltrane all on campus. ... I had a great experience both on campus and off." The University awarded Franklin an honorary degree in 2002, one of the many awards Franklin has received since taking the reins of the Atlanta city

government.

Just this year, Time magazine named Franklin one of the "Five Best Big City Mayors" in America. She has also been awarded the prestigious "Profile in Courage Award" from the John F. Kennedy Foundation, in recognition of her work to restore fiscal responsibility to Atlanta and strengthen ethics in government.

Being recognized by the Kennedy Foundation was a bittersweet moment for Franklin, who has said over the years that it was President Kennedy who most influenced her decision to spend her life working in public service.

"President Kennedy was a figure in American history who really led the nation through a turning point," she said. "He and others at the time really got me excited about what young people could do and to realize the power they had."

As she gears up to run for a second term in 2006, See FRANKLIN, Page A6

General Assembly Plans Meeting at Law School

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Campus Editor

The Howard University General Assembly will meet today at the Law School for the first time ever, in an effort to make it easier for students to attend GA events.

"We are trying to make sure all of our meetings tailored to our constituents," said Rory Scott, a senior information systems major and General Assembly chairman. "We want to be able to get to our students."

The General Assembly is made up of members of both the Undergraduate Student Assembly and the Graduate School Assembly. Its purpose is to address

student concerns and constitutional review.

There are five committees within GA: the Constitutional Review Committee, the Student Advocacy Committee, the External Affairs and University Relations Committee, the Finance Committee and the Elections Committee.

Topics discussed during meetings include the Howard University Student Association budget, funding for organizations and concerns brought forth by the student body.

Members of General Assembly stressed that students should bring their concerns to their attention either on paper or by making a personal appearance

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- Arnita Hayden, Undergraduate Director of Grievances

at GA meetings.

Arnita Hayden, Undergraduate Director of Grievances, said she has heard students discussing problems and when she proposes that they file an official grievance, "they just don't want to do it."

"All of your problems may not get resolved, but at least, if you bring it to General Assembly, you will have official backing,"

Hayden said.

To file a grievance, students may attend General Assembly meetings and express their concerns, or they may fill out an official grievance form. There are three different capacities that deal with grievances: the Student Advocacy Committee, the Undergraduate Director of Grievances and the Grievance Committee. No

matter which way a person files, the grievance will eventually have to be officially filed through the paper process.

"Depending on what the grievance is, there are different procedures to deal with them," Hayden said.

Students said they did not know that the General Assembly dealt with student concerns.

"I have had so many problems and never even thought about bringing it before the General Assembly," said Lindsey Benton, sophomore dance major. "But I will be sure to use the service for now on."

Both Hayden and Phillip Pratt, Graduate Director of Grievances, will

be at tonight's meeting to address any concerns.

At its last meeting, the General Assembly voted in the budget proposed by HUSA.

"[HUSA] brought forth the programs that they had planned and worked on during the summer," Scott said. "They submitted it and it was approved by GA."

General Assembly meetings will be held at various Howard campuses throughout the year.

The next meeting will be held at the Medical School before moving to the School of Divinity. Today's meeting, the second one of the year, will be held at 7 p.m. in Classroom Three on the main level of the Law Campus.

Eat Right?

Nutrition is all relative to a typical college student. African American literature. Spanish III. College Algebra. Meetings. Dance lessons. Football practice. Softball games. Nutrition? What is this concept you speak of? Eventually, all students must fulfill the grumbling in their tummies. The question is: Are they filling it with the "right" foods or just something that seems the most convenient? The Campus Section is taking a look into the different college lives to find out where nutrition falls in their priorities.

The General Student

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently retired the old food pyramid guide and it has been replaced by a new food guidance system called MyPyramid.

MyPyramid recommends consuming five food groups: grains, vegetables, fruits, milk, and meat and beans, but it is personalized according to sex, age, and activity level.

Priorities prevent students from taking nutrition into consideration.

"It takes a lot of time to get the recommended amount of food from each group," said Lawrence Goodwin, a sophomore legal communications major. "I usually eat on the go."

Ashleigh Menzies, sophomore Spanish major said nutrition is important to her.

"I'm always trying to stay healthy, but it's hard to have good nutrition habits sometimes when you're eating in the cafe and eating fast food," said Menzies.

Dining areas on campus try to take students' nutritional health into consideration when they prepare their food. Alisa Jackson Gray, retail brand manager of the Punchout, said the food served is beneficial to student health.

"Our food has a lot of protein in it, particularly the pizzas. Protein is nutritious and important for your health," she said.

The USDA recommends 50 grams of protein. The cheese pizza served at Pandini's contains 38 grams of protein and the pepperoni pizza has 47 grams of protein.

Mohammed K. Abdelilah, director of operations for Sodexo at Howard, also said the Punchout is a great place to get all five food groups.

"The Punchout serves balanced meals including multigrain bread, fresh salads, and black angus burgers which is top quality beef and contains less fat than other beef," said Abdelilah.

The Athletic Student

Athletes at Howard have trying schedules and nutrition plays a large role in helping in them. With team practices and conditional training added to a full course load and other extra-curricular activities, maintaining a healthy diet is key in successful daily living for these players.

According to a nutrition fact sheet provided by Professor/



Maya Gilliam - Senior Photo Editor

Students around campus fight busy work and class schedules to keep up their nutritious lives. The food pyramid has been changed to reflect the right food intakes for specific individuals.

trainer Charmil Spooner of the Health Human Performance and Leisure Studies, a balanced diet for an athlete included eating five times a day, consuming low-fat dairy products, and lean protein.

Jason Trotter, junior Biology/Pre-Med major and member of the Howard University men's basketball team said that he attempts to follow the nutrition guidelines and food advice as much as possible to stay fit.

"For breakfast alone I have three eggs, six strips of bacon, a bowl of oatmeal, two bananas, two cups of apple juice, and two cups of water," Trotter said.

As a basketball player, Trotter and his teammates have certain foods that they are not allowed to eat, that are considered unhealthy or not good for their nutrition.

"We can't have soda or fried food. They urge us to eat a lot of foods like potatoes and bread that carry carbohydrates and protein," Trotter said.

While claiming to eat at least a half of chicken plus four sides as well as a large consumption of juice and water, Trotter said that the large amount of food winds up balancing out.

"We eat a lot of food, but we also work out twice a day so we burn a lot of it off," Trotter said, "It balances itself out in the end."

For games, athletes have specific meal plans of nutrition designed to make sure they get their healthy share.

"I try to eat a lot of vegetables the night before games

if not everyday as well as some kind of carbohydrate," said Derek Jackson, sophomore mechanical engineering major and member of the Lacrosse team.

The Dancing Student

While watching a beautiful dancer glide across the dance floor one may wonder what makes him or her appear light as a feather. Their leaps never cause a loud thump, and their bodies always look perfect in their given costumes. However, how many of those dancers have achieved their figures the healthy way?

The Nutrition of dancers has varied throughout the years from extremely healthy diets to as unhealthy as smoking cigarettes to maintain their slender figure.

"Black women naturally have more curve, so the very skinny ballet look is almost impossible for us to obtain unless we do some very unhealthy things," said Ayahanna Gordan, junior nursing major.

One thing that dancers do to maintain their weight is crash diets. For example, eating very unhealthy meals at least once a day and then starving for the rest of the day. Another method is eating candy, or sweet food to spoil the appetite and drink lots of fluids to make the body feel full.

"Most dancers are so into their bodies being thin that they forget what's healthy for the body, and they need that in order for the

body to be stronger," said Leah Reynolds a dance nutritionist and a dancer of twenty years.

A great deal of dancers suffer from anorexia and bulimia.

"I've seen a lot of people fall prey to the mental and physical troubles that go along with eating disorders," said Carmen Byrd, junior history major, who attended North Carolina School of The Arts and has been active in the dance world for over 8 years.

Some dancers turn to alternative methods of loss weight, anything to keep the weight down; sometimes with fatal consequences.

"You would be surprised how many deaths, strokes, and heart attacks come from eating disorders," said Reynolds. "I had one girl come to me who took a laxative to loose weight, and one who would boil cotton balls and eat them to become full. The dance world is so competitive that everyone is trying to be the best in every area at any cost."

Some dance students said dancing is more important than an unhealthy diet.

"I try my best to eat as healthy as possible to preserve my body," said Tiffany Webb, a junior musical theatre major. "My body is a part of my gift to dance, therefore as dancers we can't abuse it by eating disorders, or unhealthy eating."

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"...do people eat chicken selects with buffalo sauce for dinner everyday."

-Catherine McPhaul, sophomore business admin. major

"...do people consider the walk uphill to Burr the workout and the treadmills the cooldown."

-Nicole Edwards, junior public relations major

"...do people consider their five daily fruits to be five bottles of fruit works from the vending machine."

-Amanda Nemhard, junior broadcast journalism major

"...do you see people eating at Subway because its the healthier choice on Georgia Ave but they get a cheesesteak with 8 cookies."

-Lindsey Harkins, junior psychology major

"...is there fried chicken in everything."

-Khalila Jenkins, junior education major

"...can you get a full course meal from the street vendors in front of the school of Business."

-Quinton Reed, sophomore film production major

"... would you eat tuna for breakfast, snack, lunch, snack, and dinner for three days in a row."

- Wesley Ellis, senior history major

"...do you get excited when able to order a number at McDonalds because you just got paid, when, clearly you should be spending the extra cash on groceries that will serve as a well balanced meal."

- Danielle Jones, sophomore marketing major

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A Day in the Life of...

a Nutritious Nursing Student

BY MORGAN NEVILLES-MOORE
Hilltop Staff Writer

While many students are still in bed, pushing the snooze button for the second time, junior nursing major Leslie Holmes is up and starting her day.

Holmes has classes all day, from 7:40am until 4:30pm back-to-back, which is why she chooses to start her day off right, with a healthy well-balanced breakfast.

"I usually eat about five times a day, breakfast and dinner being my two big meals," Holmes said.

For breakfast, Holmes usually has cereal and fruit or a granola bar and fruit.

"Fruit is one of my necessities, if I can't eat a real meal I want to at least have some fruit," she said.

Lisa Tartamella-Kimmel, MS, RD, a registered dietitian and outpatient nutrition coordinator at Yale-New Haven Hospital says college students do not come close to meeting the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables a day, their diets also tend to be low in fiber and

high in artery-clogging saturated fat.

Holmes is definitely a student who goes against the grain of what statistics say of average young adults living on a college campus.

"It's not that hard to be healthy," she said. "I've always eaten right, so it comes natural for me but the only real trick is to watch how you shop. You can't eat bad foods if you don't buy them."

Going from class to class, Holmes occasionally packs snacks to take with her on her busy days: snacks being granola, soy chips, or pretzels, not potato chips or candy which are either fried or high in salt and sugar.

"I tend to eat healthy because my body doesn't feel right when I don't. Packing my own snacks stops me from having to go to McDonalds or any of the other artery clogging eateries on Georgia Ave.," Holmes said.

Holmes favorite class of the day is Pharmacology taught by Dr. Schiavone.

"I love it, its not one of those tedious classes that you dread getting up for I actually enjoy what I'm learning," she said.

Her longest class is Therapeutic Intervention Lab, which lasts about four and a half hours.

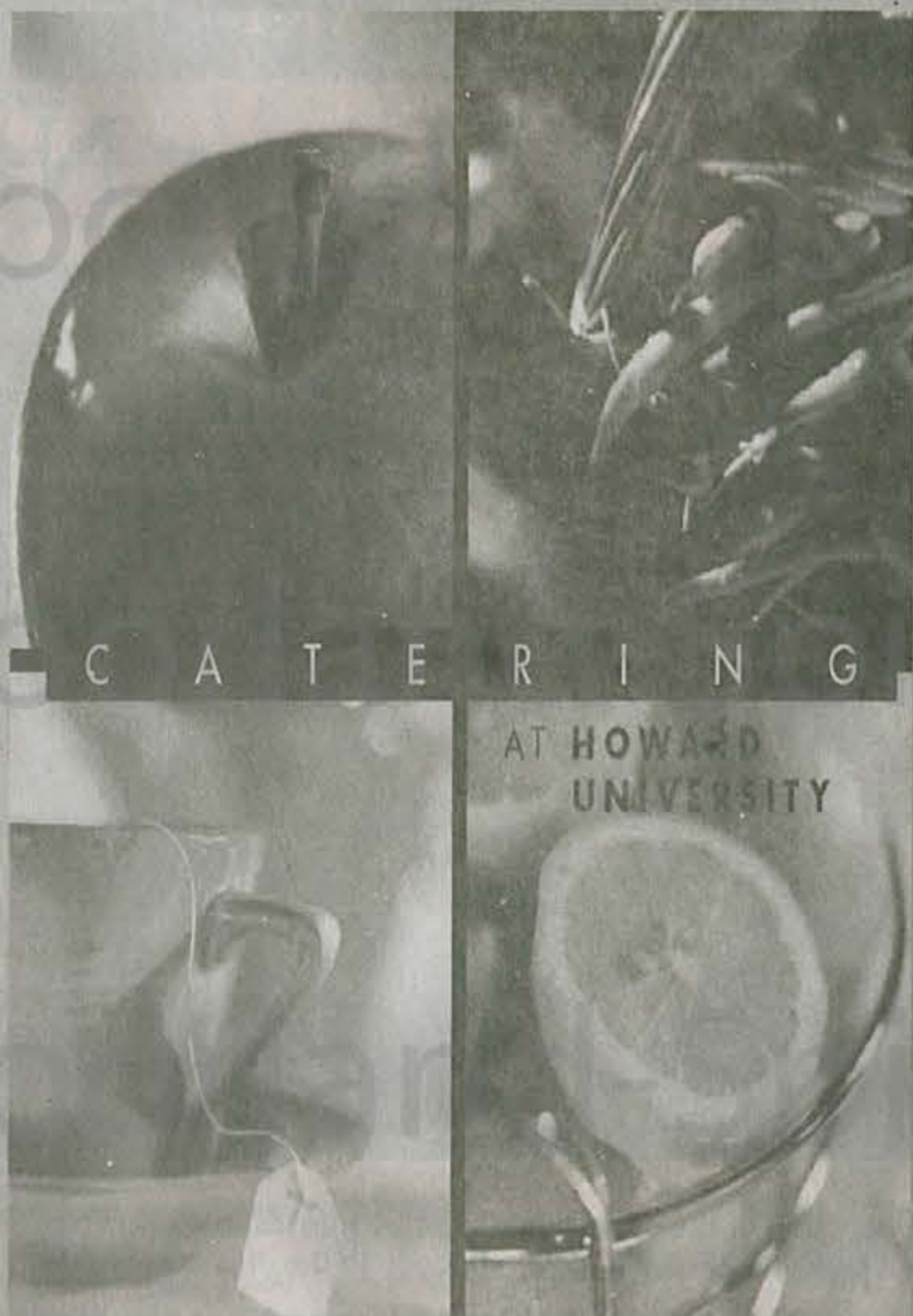
"I basically always eat right before this class, just something to tide me over but not overdo it," Holmes said.

Dr. Tartamella-Kimmel suggests that students eat smaller portions, eat fruit with every meal, do not skip meals, especially breakfast, and limit late night eating and snacking.

"I don't think the time of day you eat is all that important, as long as you are eating the proper foods and getting enough exercise," Holmes said.

Holmes allocates about three hours a day after her classes for studying, but still manages to find time to workout for an hour five days a week.

"It's not impossible to be a student and be healthy too, it just takes work," she said. "I've always eaten healthy. My parents have just recently started to do the same. Don't get me wrong, I do have my times when I slip; every now and then I want some candy and ice cream."



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HURRICANE SPECIAL PART ONE

The Blame Game: President Bush or Mayor Nagin

BY KAJA KARAMOKI
Contributing Writer

Though Hurricane Katrina hit parts of the Gulf several weeks ago, for New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, the storm has just begun.

Blame for the slow response to the disaster has trickled down from federal to local officials. An article on Frontpagemagazine.com referred to Nagin as "the mayor who failed his city."

Is Mayor Ray Nagin to blame?

"It was out of his hands," said Kyana Crawford, a senior physician's assistant major and native of New Orleans. "Nagin did, I believe, all he could have done locally. Resources were exhausted."

"Where was the government?" Crawford asked. "This was too colossal of a disaster to not have reached the desk of President Bush sooner."

Aside from who is to blame, the crisis has also put a renewed focus on poverty in America. According to the U.S. Census Bureau/American Community Survey (ACS) for 2004, more than 19 percent of Louisianians were considered poor, far above the national poverty rate of about 13 percent, and higher than the

poverty rate in all states except one, Mississippi.

Since the late 1960s, the federal government has been working with state and local officials in the region to find an effective solution to the faulty levee systems.

In May of 1995, due to a torrential rainstorm that killed six people in Louisiana, Congress created the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project (SELA). But nothing matches the damage of Hurricane Katrina.

Before Hurricane Katrina, Nagin had lobbied Congress on many occasions for the appropriate financial support to fix New Orleans defective levee system. With the war in Iraq and other concerns of the government, Nagin's numerous requests fell to the wayside.

"A mayor can only do so much; unfortunately poverty exists and will continue to do so," said Akila Hunte, junior biochemistry major, when asked about New Orleans poverty rate in conjunction with Hurricane Katrina survivors.

"Poverty is a universal enigma that many have attempted to rectify and have only made so many strides," said Rhonicia Douglas-Bland, senior psychol-

ogy major. "Nagin could at the most create federal programs to cap the poverty issue in the N.O.—but these are the same programs that are in Bush's budget cut."

Many natives and non-natives are angry at the Bush administration and FEMA for their slow reactions and lack of leadership in regards to Hurricane Katrina.

"It's preposterous that the levee systems down there were not fixed prior to Hurricane Katrina, but the government lacks vision, so politicking to preserve the future is beyond their wavelengths," said Ibn Pori Pitts, president of Black Graphics International.

Pitts believes that Nagin did what any mayor could have done in such a situation, that Hurricane Katrina is truly an indescribable catastrophe and that only early evacuation could have helped.

The criticism that Nagin is receiving is partly related to the evacuation of New Orleans. Declaring a citywide evacuation involves a lot of activity. Daily businesses are forced to close and if the evacuation is in fact not necessary the city can face countless lawsuits. New Orleans receives many warnings of trop-



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Mayor Ray Nagin's handling of the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina has been questioned along with President Bush and FEMA's slow response to the disaster.

ical storms, yet many do not occur.

"Some of the criticism is valid, and some of it is not," Pitts said. "But it only takes a little bit (to go wrong) for Nagin to get all of (the blame)."

In national polls, the pub-

lic remains split on Nagin's and Bush's performance. In an America Online poll, 67 percent of people said Bush did a better job, while 33 percent said Nagin performed greater.

"This is a national issue," said Olayiwola Abegunrin, pro-

fessor of political science. "The blame should not be limited to local government. Local, state and federal—the blame should spread around, not just Nagin."

"Though, I hope now that the government is serious," Abegunrin said.

Scientists Relate Hurricanes to Global Warming

BY AMBER C. WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

The United States has experienced its share of natural disasters this year. Most destructive would be Hurricane Katrina, which devastated many in the Gulf.

Some view the hurricanes with political or religious viewpoints. They feel these natural disasters are warnings to commit to a better way of living and enforce stronger economic legislations.

However, scientists have proven that global warming and hurricanes directly relate to one another.

The increase in CO₂ in the atmosphere causes warmer climate temperatures to produce stronger hurricanes. While the two angles are controversial, they both present sufficient and compelling reasoning.

Scientists have concluded that the recent massive hurricanes are inevitable results of reckless human activities, such as the overindulgences in oil fuel machinery. They argue that the intensities were predictable through

various studies.

"There's good evidence to show that Category 4 and 5 storms indeed are becoming more common and a bigger part of the overall pictures of the hurricanes in the world," Kevin Trenberth, a scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, told ABC News. Trenberth attributes this to the higher sea levels, increased ocean temperatures and increased water vapor in the atmosphere.

"Trenberth calculates Hurricane Katrina was stronger and dumped an extra inch of rainfall because of global warming," ABC reported.

Many modern scientists support Trenberth's stance. Hugh Willoughby, former director of hurricane research at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, recently told ABC News that government leaders should

pay close attention to the findings that global warming will mean more rainfall in hurricanes.

Not everyone agrees with the scientific findings of researchers. Meteorologist Bill Gray does not believe in the concept of global warm-

"It's nature and it is the nature that's causing all these changes, and we can't do anything about that."

- Bill Gray, Meteorologist

about that." He disputes the idea of global warming being the cause of stronger hurricanes. Gray is not alone in his position either.

Michael Crichton, author of the novel "Jurassic Park," addressed the issue of global warming in a recent

work of fiction entitled "State of Fear." The novel speaks to the battle of eco-terrorists across the world. Liberals and environmentalists use the idea of global warming to ignite fear in Americans in hopes of reducing harmful environmental damages.

The book touches on many issues the country has been addressing for years. It also characterizes some statements made by previous researchers as inaccuracies. The book claims that "in the 1970s, all the climate scientists believed an ice age was

coming." In addition, it states that "Dr. Hansen overestimated [global warming] by 300 percent," a reference to a 1988 prediction made before Congress by Jim Hansen, vice president of Research of Health Industry Insights.

According to ABC, Crichton said "environmental organizations are fomenting false fears in order to promote agendas and raise money." Crichton goes on to say that he agrees that the climate is getting warmer, but that researchers exaggerate the notion of global warming to increase government grants and funding.

While the issue of global warming and its effects remain controversial, the general ideas behind reduction remain vital, according to researchers who advocate protecting environmental conditions to ensure a healthy global future.

Whether global warming is the actual cause of the recent catastrophic hurricanes, it still presents problems in numerous areas and will remain an international concern.

Government Cuts Spending on Programs

BY AMBER C. WILLIAMS
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The disasters created by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have enlightened some Americans about the country's impoverished population, but questions have been raised about the federal government's choice of program spending cuts.

The government has cut funding to Medicaid, health care and other programs in the name of rebuilding the Gulf Coast.

While sufficient funding is needed to restore the disaster areas, many feel welfare programs are not the only monetary resource.

However, the issue of necessity and priority arises. While the cuts may seem detrimental now, they were not specified to be permanent. Their main purpose is to aid in the immediate reconstruction of New Orleans.

Some disagree with how the financial aspects are being handled.

Political Science professor John Davis views the cuts as hypocritical when considering the national effect they will have on the nations poor. "Naturally others will suffer," Davis predicts, "but the nation views the



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After Hurricane Katrina left many people devastated in the Gulf Coast, it placed the issue of poverty and accessibility on the national agenda. Some question whether the government is cutting programs that exist to help other low-income people.

rebuilding of New Orleans as a top priority." He said that he would like to see an elimination of the previous tax cut. He feels that health-care benefits and Medicaid should remain intact.

"The funds are being cut in aid in what the nation sees

as priority," Davis said. "First being the war in Iraq, and second, the disaster areas of the Gulf Coast."

Communications law professor John W. Davis also agrees with the elimination of the prior tax cut. "The trillion dollar tax

cut should be repealed and the excess funds could be used to rebuild New Orleans," Davis said. He argues that other areas could better withstand financial cuts.

"The country could build fewer nuclear weapons," he

said. "This is a political debate, not an economic debate." Davis believes the issues should lie directly in redistribution rather than in political agendas.

President Bush has already suspended the Davis Bacon Act,

which requires contractors to pay the average wages to workers in that region. By suspending the contract, Bush is looking to speed up the reconstruction in New Orleans by reducing construction costs.

According to the Washington Post, Bush justifies the suspension by arguing that it "will result in greater assistance to these devastated communities and will permit the employment of thousands of additional individuals." Bush feels that this suspension is necessary because of the national emergency.

Rep. George Miller of California, who is also the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, accused Bush of "using the devastation of Hurricane Katrina to cut the wages of people desperately trying to rebuild their lives and their communities," according to the Washington Post.

Political experts disagree with how the recovery efforts should be handled. Any form of legislative action will affect citizens across the nation. The consensus is that the affected areas will require immediate attention regardless of how it is rendered.

Wal-Mart Workers Suing Over Break Time, Pay

BY MONICA HARRIS
Contributing Writer

Wal-Mart is currently involved in a class action lawsuit with 116,000 of its California employees.

The world's top grossing retail company is accused of not allowing workers lunch breaks, forcing them to work over time without being compensated accordingly, as well as paying male employees more than females. There are also 40 other cases against Wal-Mart nationwide for similar allegations.

The Union Tribune reported about a related case in 2000, "Wal-Mart settled a lawsuit in Colorado for \$50 million that contains similar allegations to California's class action."

The money from the settlement was separated among the 69,000 former and current Wal-Mart employees involved in the case.

"That is by no means enough money," said Sharrie McFarlane, a sophomore speech pathology major. "Many of those people were victims of that for years and have families to take care of. A few hundred dollars does



Arian White, Staff Photographer

Wal-Mart employees accuse the world's largest chain store of withholding lunch breaks and compensation for over time.

not suffice."

Like McFarlane, other students said if Wal-Mart, which grossed over \$10 billion last year according to Yahoo News, they more than owe it to their employees to provide a 30-minute lunch break.

"That is not what's up," said junior film major David Johnson. "For them to be one of the biggest and most profitable

chains in the world, they should be able to show that with fair treatment to their employees."

Not everyone is so quick to accuse Wal-Mart of being the bad guy. Professor Colson Turner, who teaches business management at Howard, said the public has a tendency to jump the gun by pointing fingers and speculating about issues.

"It is easy to accuse a huge

company like Wal-Mart of employee abuse simply because there are so many of them and some may fall through the cracks because they are under poor management," Turner said. "However, the extent of these violations must be determined in order to make a fair judgment. My mind will not be made until I see how this plays out in the courts."

However, it is apparent that Wal-Mart does underpay many of their employees, making it difficult for those to support families. Walmartsucks.com reported that Wal-Mart sales clerks are paid an average of \$8.25 an hour or about \$13,861 per year, which is actually \$800 below the poverty line for a family of three.

"Many of my friends in high

school worked there and never had a complaint about it. They thought it was great--being only 16 and making almost nine dollars an hour made them quite happy," said sophomore Amber Brown. "However being an adult trying to make a living working at Wal-Mart is probably very hard," said the public relations major.

Wal-Mart is not the only retail store accused of withholding overtime pay and lunch breaks. Students in the Howard University community work for local grocery stores, restaurants, retail stores and the have had similar problems of their own.

"I spent many nights after hours at the Gap, after I had clocked out," said Ava Wilson, a sophomore African American studies major. "They wouldn't let my co-workers and I leave until the store was completely in order. I did not always get paid for those extra hours."

Signonsandiego.com reported "Wal-Mart declined to give an opening statement, reserving its right to give one later. Its lawyers also declined comment



CELL PHONE UPDATES



Phones Now Ringing Back

BY CHARLENE DRAYTON
Contributing Writer

Callers can now hear the latest hit song from Ludacris, instead of the traditional ring when calling a friend. Cell phone carriers recently started to offer this new option called a ring back tone.

The ring back tone, which is known to T-Mobile customers as a CallerTune, originated as an exclusive T-Mobile feature that allowed customers to purchase and download a wide selection of songs, sounds or sayings.

Once the CallerTune is purchased, the customer's callers would hear the selected CallerTune while waiting for their friend to answer a call.

The ring back tone has several features similar to ring tones. Many types of music can be downloaded as a CallerTune, including genres ranging from hip-hop to rock, as well as voices and Sound FX. Once downloaded, customers have the option of customizing the CallerTune for certain people or certain groups of people.

T-Mobile offers its customers two forms of payment: a monthly fee of \$1.49, which would allow unlimited access to tunes from its content library, or \$1.99 per CallerTune. Up to eight CallerTunes can be purchased and stored in the phone's library at one time.

According to a T-Mobile customer care representative named Amber (T-Mobile policies do not allow representatives to give last names), T-Mobile originally based the concept of CallerTunes on ring tones.

"It was originally based off ring tones since people started using the recording feature on their phones to record music," Amber said. "T-Mobile just played off that and came up with CallerTunes."

T-Mobile's CallerTunes sales have been doing fair-



Gabriel Vernon, Staff Photographer

Cell phone callers can now listen to portions of a song, instead of the traditional ring, while waiting for an answer.

ly well since this feature became available in November 2004. According to Amber, 35 percent of all T-Mobile customers have purchased a CallerTune, and these customers are usually between the ages of 16 and 27.

However, some feel that CallerTunes have no place in the professional field.

"I have a friend who has those Ring back tones," said junior music business major Kimberly McFarlane. "I think it's really unprofessional to have potential employers call you and they have to listen to 50 Cent until you answer your phone. Isn't it bad enough I have the Franchise Boys playing every time someone calls me?"

Others agree that hearing music while trying to make a call is an annoyance.

"For real, it's annoying to have to sit through a played out song while I'm calling someone," said junior music business major Jackea Scott. "And then Lord help me if they don't answer and I have to sit through a whole chorus on that person's voicemail."

Those who do have CallerTunes said it adds personality to their phones.

"I like them because now people get to know a little bit about me when they call me," said sophomore electronic studio major Courtney Feemster. "And the best part is that people who don't know about CallerTunes hang up because they think it's my voice mail so I don't have to talk to them."

Although Feemster likes some advantages of CallerTunes, she does receive complaints about them.

"I get complaints from my friends who don't like the songs, and I'm pretty sure if my grandmother calls she'll complain about it too," Feemster said. "But I can program it so that I can have certain songs play for certain people, or you could choose the times that the CallerTune would play. For example, I have my CallerTune set to only play after 8 p.m."

Feemster does advise people with CallerTunes to be cautious. "If you don't know who's going to be calling you, then you shouldn't have it on during business hours because having a mini concert on your phone doesn't look too good to employers."

Cell Phone Hot Spots and Sore Spots on Campus

BY DANYELLE HADAWAY
Contributing Writer

Verizon "never stops working," T-Mobile guarantees "more out of life," Sprint together with Nextel strive to make "wireless better," and Cingular "raises the bar."

But the slogans are just words compared to the actual signals picked up. Cell phone carriers promise excellent coverage in the area, but Howard students do not always receive top bar service.

However, Verizon's "Can You Hear Me Now?" campaign rings true with 90 percent of the country covered, according to sales representative, Rich, who would not give his last name. Verizon is also the only carrier with service working on the local metro, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Sophomore marketing major Ashton Wilson said she loved her service with Verizon, because she receives signals when underground.

"It works anywhere for me," Wilson said. "I can get it in the PunchOut." Wilson mentioned the PunchOut, because it is a frequent sore spot for reception with most students.

Nia Lindsey, sophomore electronic studio and photography major is not as lucky in the on campus eatery. "Look--I don't even have a signal," Lindsey said. "All I can do is dial 911."

Even though Wilson said she enjoys cell phone service in the Punchout, she complained that she didn't have a signal in the Human Ecology building.

Rich, a sales representative for Verizon who could not give a last name, admitted no company can claim having a good signal 100 percent of the time.

But the representative said, "With the CDMA that [Verizon Wireless] use, our cell phones speak to multiple towers at one time so even when you are traveling or moving while using our phones, you are less likely to drop a call."

Cingular sales representa-

tive, Tanya, who also declined to give her last name, said customers receive good service "24/7" in the metropolitan area. She said Washington, D.C. had to be well connected because it is a major city.

"I can't tell you for sure that in every spot in every building you're going to be covered," Tanya said later. "I mean if you're in a building that has twenty stories and you're on floor number nine, and you're in the middle of the building. I can't really say you will be covered."

Lindsey, who is a Cingular customer, does not agree that the signal only fails in those situations. Lindsey receives poor connection more often than not.

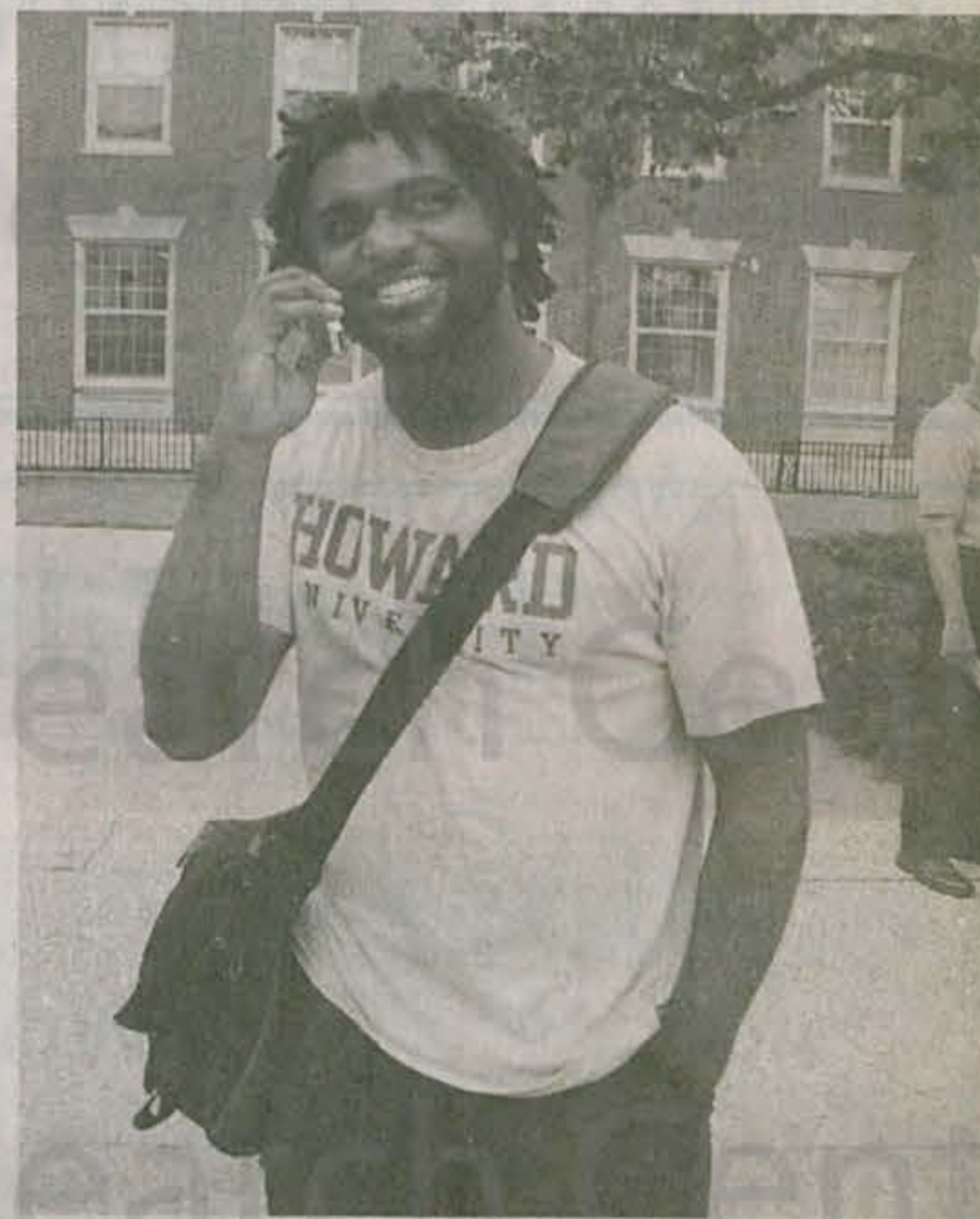
"Just ask me where I get reception. That'll be easier [to answer]," Lindsey said. "I get it outside, only in open areas where I can see the sky. That means the only time I have service is like 44 percent of the time."

Michael Wilson, sophomore English major, agreed that places outdoors, including the Yard, are the best place to receive service. However, Wilson, a T-Mobile subscriber, said he enjoys all around great signal from his provider. His great reception might be due to a T-Mobile tower located near Howard University on Quincy Street.

"I love it," Wilson said, who receives good signals in another campus sore spot, Meridian Hill Hall.

"It may have to do with the type of structure or the material used to build your dorm that may be blocking reception," said T-Mobile sales representative, Walter, who only offered his first name.

Several of the cell phone carrier representatives said dropped calls can be caused by construction, bad weather, and driving through tunnels.



Emmanuel Jay Lartey, Asst. Photo Editor

The Punch-Out and libraries are sore spots to many students on campus, while the Yard is a common hot spot.

Franklin, a Howard Alumna Nano New for Students

FRANKLIN, from A1

Franklin said the decision to seek re-election was easier to make than her initial decision to run in 2002. Reportedly, Franklin was reluctant to enter the race because of shyness.

Three years later, when asked why she wants to run again for mayor, Franklin sounds like a seasoned political veteran, comfortable in her position and on a mission to improve her city.

"I just felt like I was mid-stream in a number of initiatives that need to be completed, like continuing to build Atlanta's infrastructure and working on homelessness in the city," Franklin said. "Atlanta has high poverty rates so we need to move forward with some plans for the elimination of poverty."

In addition to racking up awards during her first term in office, Franklin has amassed an impressive record that she will be judged on when Atlantans go

to the polls next year.

Franklin's administration has balanced the city's budget, in part, by cutting her own salary and staff, improved the city's roads through the use of a "Pothole Posse," and has passed some of the toughest ethics legislation in the state of Georgia.

Of all of her accomplishments, Franklin said her efforts to bring back accountability to city government are what she is most proud of. Her efforts on this front also fall in line with what Franklin said she hopes her legacy will be once her political career has ended.

"I want my legacy to be one of honest government, progressive government that cares about the people."

Franklin said that the federal government must also work to show a more compassionate side, especially following its slow response to Hurricane Katrina. She said that as a nation, the

United States has "forgotten our values," adding that she supports an investigation into what went wrong in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi.

"We need a thorough investigation about what went right and what went wrong so that the rest of us in the country know and can learn how to help the victims," she said.

Franklin was critical of officials in the federal government, such as former head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mike Brown, who said that the primary responsibility for evacuations lies with local governments.

"There is no way possible to evacuate a metropolitan area like Atlanta without some federal assistance," she said. "There is just no way to implement the full evacuation of 4 million people on our own."

NANO, from Campus A1

pletely skip-free playing, works well with Mac OS X or Windows 2000/XP, only 1.5 ounces, charges and syncs via USB cords and a 1.5-inch color LCD.

Tiara Hargrave, advertising major, likes the new slim version of the iPod.

"I think it's cute, it's compact and it's sleek," Hargrave said. "It also has more features than the other iPods."

Kari Fulton, legal communications major, agreed with Hargrave.

"That Nano is sexy," she said.

Fulton did have some concerns about the petite size. "I'll be scared that I'll lose it. [But] it's so small it could fit in my purse."

Students who own the older iPod versions don't seem to mind the new addition. "I'm not mad that there is a new iPod, but I wouldn't get a new one because I have the older one," Hargrave said. "But if I didn't have one I would buy the new Nano," she said.

Radio-TV-Film major Sunset Corrm, said the Nano isn't necessary and is just another marketing strategy for Apple to increase profits.

"You gotta get more stuff;

it's just a waste of money."

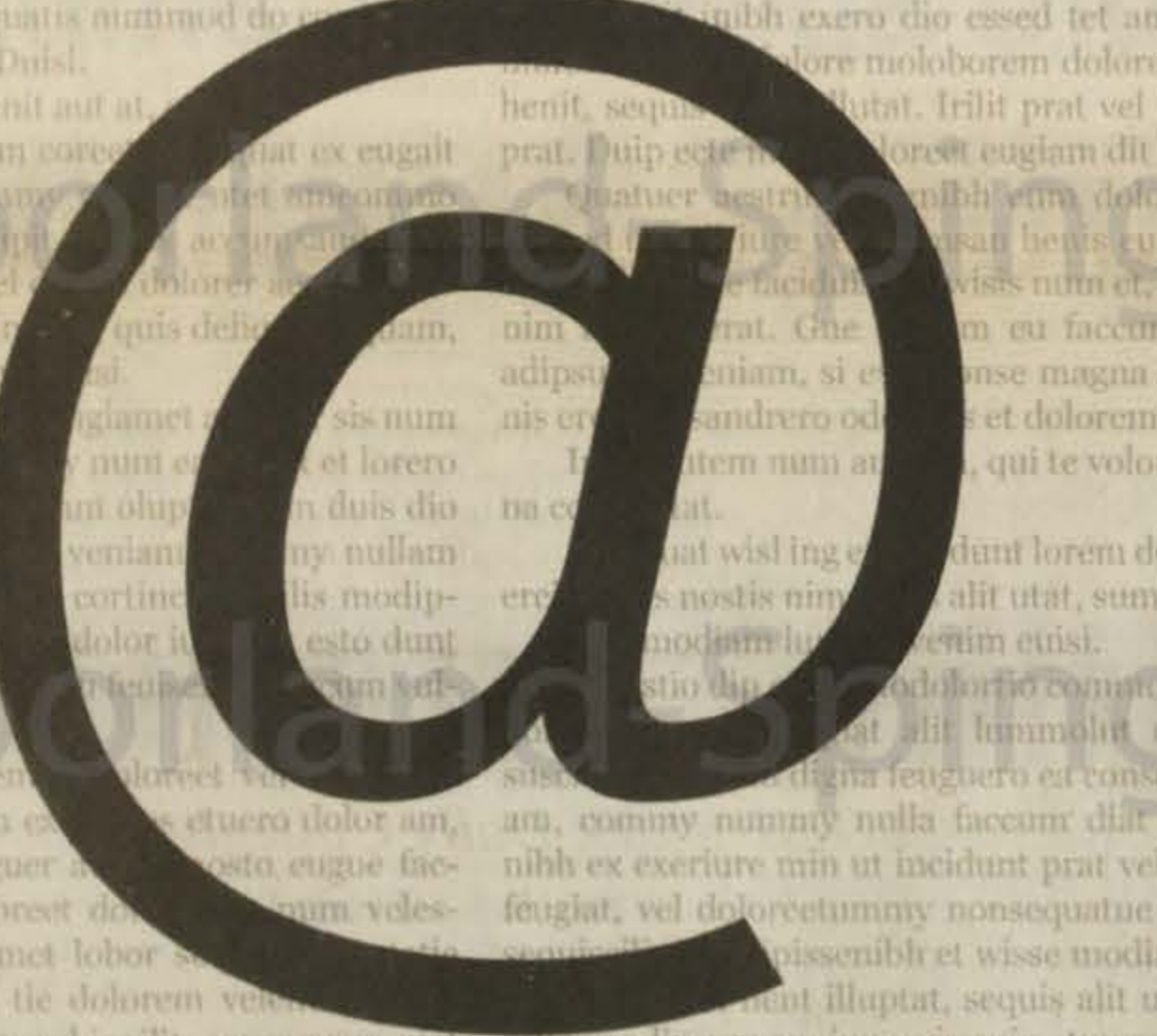
Regardless of mixed feelings about the updated version, the Nano is selling out everywhere from the Best Buy website to the Circuit City located in Arlington, Va.

Thai Barker, a legal communications major, attributes the Nano's sales to great promotion. "I think it's really cute. It's compact, but I don't think that it is really necessary," Barker said. "But they market it well. Everything is about marketing. If you market a product well, then you will get a great response."

Prices for the iPod Nano 2 GB start at \$199 and the Nano 4 GB start at \$249.

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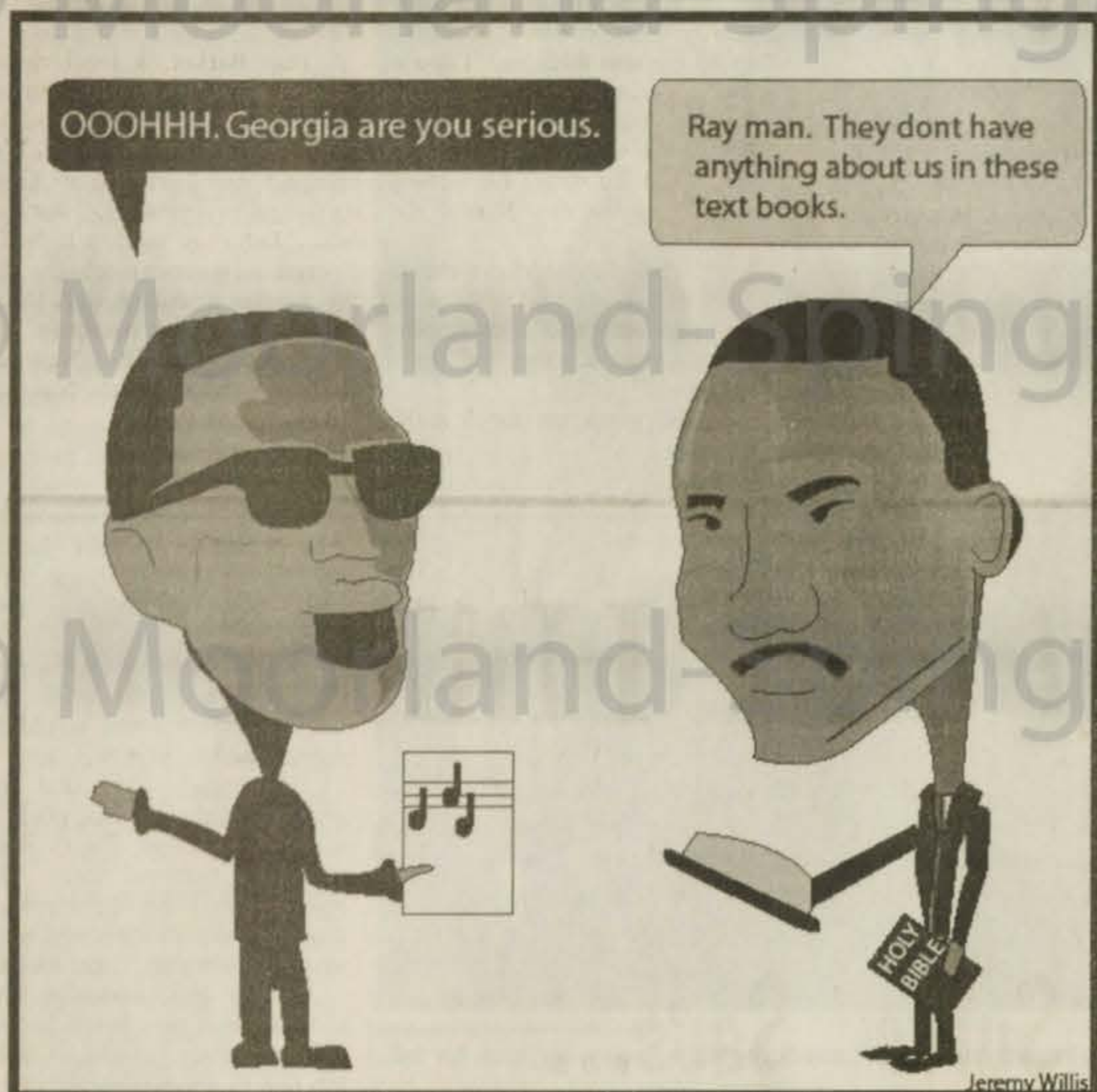
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State Legislatures Broaden History Lessons

When we were growing up, most of the textbooks took us through the same routine year after year. We heard about Christopher Columbus, Thanksgiving and the many discoveries and contributions whites made to America. Even in predominately black schools, there was a multicultural history void because the curriculum was set. When Black History Month came around there was the quick spiel on Martin Luther King Jr. and his "I Have a Dream" speech and a quick note about slavery. Many African-American students become so used to passing over their own history and they miss a vital source of self-esteem and pride. Every racial group in this country deserves an accurate lesson about their people.

Many state legislatures are in the process of revamping their district's education stan-

dards.

A new commission in New York will examine whether the "physical and psychological terrorism" against blacks in the slave trade is being adequately

can Americans accept each other without understanding each other?

The only way to force people to care about the history of those who are different from them is to make them involuntarily learn. Minorities have not always been thrilled to hear about European conquests but their grades depended on knowing the facts. We can see the benefits of having students from kindergarten

up to high school learning about social injustice. Textbooks will need to be re-written and excellent sources of knowledge will be tapped into. This will help everyone better understand the historical and current struggles for minorities.

Though it may not make an immediate difference, expanding history lessons will benefit Americans long-term.

Our View:

We are pleased to know the struggles and triumphs of other races will be highlighted.

taught in schools, according to a CNN article. The commission, appropriately named Amistad, is delving into teaching practices in many schools. Several states have enacted similar agendas in the past five years, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures and CNN.

We think this is a step in the right direction toward combating racial intolerance. How

Words From the EIC...

Just the other day a 24-year-old friend told me that I was young. Now granted, I am 21 years old, but I took offense to this statement. "Well, I am more put together than people who are 10 years older than me," I responded.

But she brought me back down to earth when she casually stated, "Yeah, but you're still in college."

The cockiness that I am known to possess completely faded with that one statement. Everything that I worked towards for three years, to show that I was an adult and more mature than my peers, just dissipated with that one statement.

Now my friend is an accomplished individual. She graduated from high school early, is in the top of her law school class and is one of the smartest people that I have ever met.

But at that moment, with my pride shattered, I thought she was the dumbest person I knew.

"I'm grown," I kept telling myself. "I mean, I am the editor-in-chief of the No. 1 collegiate newspaper in the country, and I've got four phones because I am just that busy. I have more responsibility than a person twice my age."

Then I realized that my friend wasn't the dumbest person I knew; her wisdom exceeded her years. I am not twice my age.

I am just a 21-year-old senior in college. I have a semester and a half left of irresponsibility, and I am piling on the responsibility like my 300-pound aunt at Thanksgiving dinner.

As editor-in-chief, my life seems to evolve around The Hilltop. There is no break, no taking a day off and, as our motto goes, "The Hilltop has no sick days." When friends see me, I'm always walking fast with a phone



attached to my ear or looking like a crack head because my eyes are bloodshot from lack of sleep. Rarely do I get a chance to just hang out on the Yard or go see a movie with friends. My days of freedom are quickly passing me by and I have yet to see a moment of it.

And unfortunately I am not alone in my quest to grow up and be an adult. In my years at Howard, I have seen my type floating around the Yard. You have seen them before. Their major seems to be extracurricular activities. They have to be president or vice president of at least five organizations so that they feel complete. They have no life outside of the walls of their particular organization. Friends, personal time and that mysterious thing called school become a distant second to all of their commitments on campus. Instead of enjoying their Howard experience and their last moments of freedom, they stockpile every portion of their life with work, work and more work.

As future leaders of America,

we must take time not only to lead the masses, but also to rest our bodies and allow a gradual ascension into adulthood. While Howard is the training ground for our leadership, it is also the shelter blocking the downpour of adulthood and responsibility from drenching us. It is great to be involved in activities on campus, but practicing time management will allow you to enjoy the frivolous play of youth and grow into the responsibility of adulthood.

To my friend who so innocently changed my life with her thought-provoking and resounding words, I simply say thank you. To my staff members (especially Kevin Harris, Courtney Eiland and Jana Homes) who have stepped up to the plate and made it so I don't have to micro-manage, I say what would I have done without you.

In conclusion, if you see me walking down the street with a phone attached to my ear, stop me. Tell me to put the phone down and enjoy my youth.

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Response to BLAGOSAH Article

Vincent Sherry

The ignorance and shoddy journalism in the article on the BLAGOSAH (Bisexual Lesbian and Gay Organization of Students at Howard) posters dismayed me. It was sensationalist in ignoring campus discrepancies and excluding views from non-BLAGOSAH poster defenders.

First, opponents show death-defying hypocrisy. To not protest, fraternities and other groups' ads vaunt not-so-"divine," semi-clad vamps. They have someone's "daughter doing things you don't think she oughta," and even use slang for orgasms. But a man's face merely touching another constitutes moral decay? These organizations don't just "wear their sexuality on their sleeves," but also under your dorm doors, all over bulletin boards, and on polls.

And Howard students don't rip them down; they keep slingers and save the date for that thong party!

So, is the aversion really to open sexuality? No, it is an aversion to BLAGOSAH's wearing homosexuality on their sleeves. That must be the young lady's intent when she says homosexuality is everywhere.

Since any imbecile knows homosexuality's not new, she must indicate increased open-

ness about it as we grow more tolerant. This harkens the antiquated racist platitude: "There was a time when they knew their place."

The young gentleman put it best: "I just don't want to see two dudes hugged up." They weren't what one might consider "hugged up," but his response shows he's just squeamish at the notion. It's more honest than the pseudo-puritanical humbug the "pastor" offered, and it somewhat owns prejudice. But it also takes us back to first grade. "Eew, that's nasty!"

Truly, it's all just bigotry, and the Hilltop's failure to place the article in context might persuade non-Howard readers that BLAGOSAH is distinctly lascivious at a school where one can in class sometimes see a girl's "parting of the ways" where one might expect fabric. To be fair, comments from non-BLAGOSAH students on both sides, mention of the first-class raunch on others' posters, and a picture of one juxtaposed with the disputed BLAGOSAH flyer should have been included.

The omissions failed audiences by not showing why BLAGOSAH might wear its sexuality on its sleeve. It's the same reason the National Organization of Women (NOW) and the Congressional Black Caucus wear

gender and race on theirs, respectively. Dominant society placed a scarlet letter on them, and like Hester Prynne and BLAGOSAH, they sat in judgment of a hypocritical, self-righteous society's prejudice and discrimination. The Hilltop caved.

It's troublesome in light of your ballyhooed commitment to "the student voice" and full expression. It evokes a shallow, illiterate gay diatribe you published in your perspectives section last year.

Dedication to the holistic student voice, conscientious journalism, and full expression should be valued and measured. They shouldn't be "worn on your sleeve" or forgotten where either route maximizes controversy. You forgot full expression to make a unilateral, salacious gay story. You justified publishing that editorial under unfettered expression. In each case, you bit the bait for the gay controversy angle only.

I saw your editorial that was distinctly sympathetic only to the child expelled over her parent's lesbianism. It merits some praise, but you raise more questions than commendations. I don't suggest you advocate for anyone in the news, but don't be plainly lazy in covering today's sexuality scandal simply because few here will hold you accountable.

On-Screen Fashion Influences Day-to-Day Style

BY WHITNEY TEAL
Contributing Writer

Anyone who saw the chronically overstated Jennifer Lopez at Fall Fashion Week looking demure, understated and oddly domestic on the arm of Marc Anthony knew that fashion had turned a corner.

From Marc Jacobs' knit cardigans to Diane von Furstenberg 50s inspired dresses featuring fuller skirts, future fashion seems to be taking its cue from popular television and film reels including ABC's "Desperate Housewives" and the recent remake of "The Stepford Wives."

Fashion critics have labeled this trend, which includes feminine, womanly shapes and classic pieces, "domestic or suburban chic" and give most of the credit to the popularity of "Housewives." But how much does screen-fashion, whether television or movies, influence our day-to-day style choices?

"I don't think that it is so much TV influencing fashion, as it is the other way around," reasons sophomore international business major Ameerah Harris.

Fashion experts tend to agree with Harris. According to fashion critics at theage.com.au, "the 'woman' is back for next winter in all her vamped, glamorous, grown-up glory." If this is true, then television shows and movies might just be reacting to the Western world's desire to "grow-up" in their fashion choices.

But others believe that the aggressive onset of pearls, pen-



Shows like ABC's uber-popular 'Desperate Housewives' are having an impact on fashion, encouraging a 'grown-up' look for fall.

cil skirts, and round-toe heels is backed, in part, by the TV stars Americans watch every week.

"TV doesn't create fashion trends, but it does help them

to become more popular... more mainstream," says Latrice Jones, a sophomore accounting major. Though the popular suburban tales did not, officially, construct

the cardigan, they certainly helped to popularize it, especially for a younger generation.

"Cardigans and pearls are more associated with the preppy

look and I see everyone trying to be a little more preppy... Girls are doing it with pearls and A-line skirts," explains Alexandria Franklin, a freshman fashion

merchandising major.

So, albeit drastically more subtle, "Desperate Housewives" is beginning to do for preppy staples what "Sex and the City" did for name-plate necklaces, flower pins and pointed toe pumps.

Upon further speculation, that assertion does not seem all that far-fetched. Were eight year olds really begging to wear multi-colored, striped tights before they say "Punky" do it? And were boid, blonde "wings" considered an 80s must-have before millions of viewers saw Farrah sport the 'do on prime-time television?

Sophomore civil engineering major Jomari Peterson definitely considers television to be a major factor in trends. Peterson says, "Recently, I've noticed a change in the trends of women... I think that it could be due to television because girls are starting to look more feminine, more girly."

Regardless of who influences whom, many of the styles seen on Howard's campus would fit equally well on Wisteria Lane.

"I'm really glad that the more classic style has made a comeback. It has always been more my personal style... the styles remind me of my grandmother and my aunts, who were very sophisticated," says Jones.

In the end, television and movies have no choice but to influence their viewers, in fashion and in every other capacity. "TV does have a major influence. If you see something everyday, you are going to try to emulate it," Jones said.

Students Still Sketchy on Interracial Dating

BY YASMINE PARRISH
Hilltop Staff Writer

Derek Jeter, baseball superstar has been receiving hate mail according to BET News because of his preference in women.

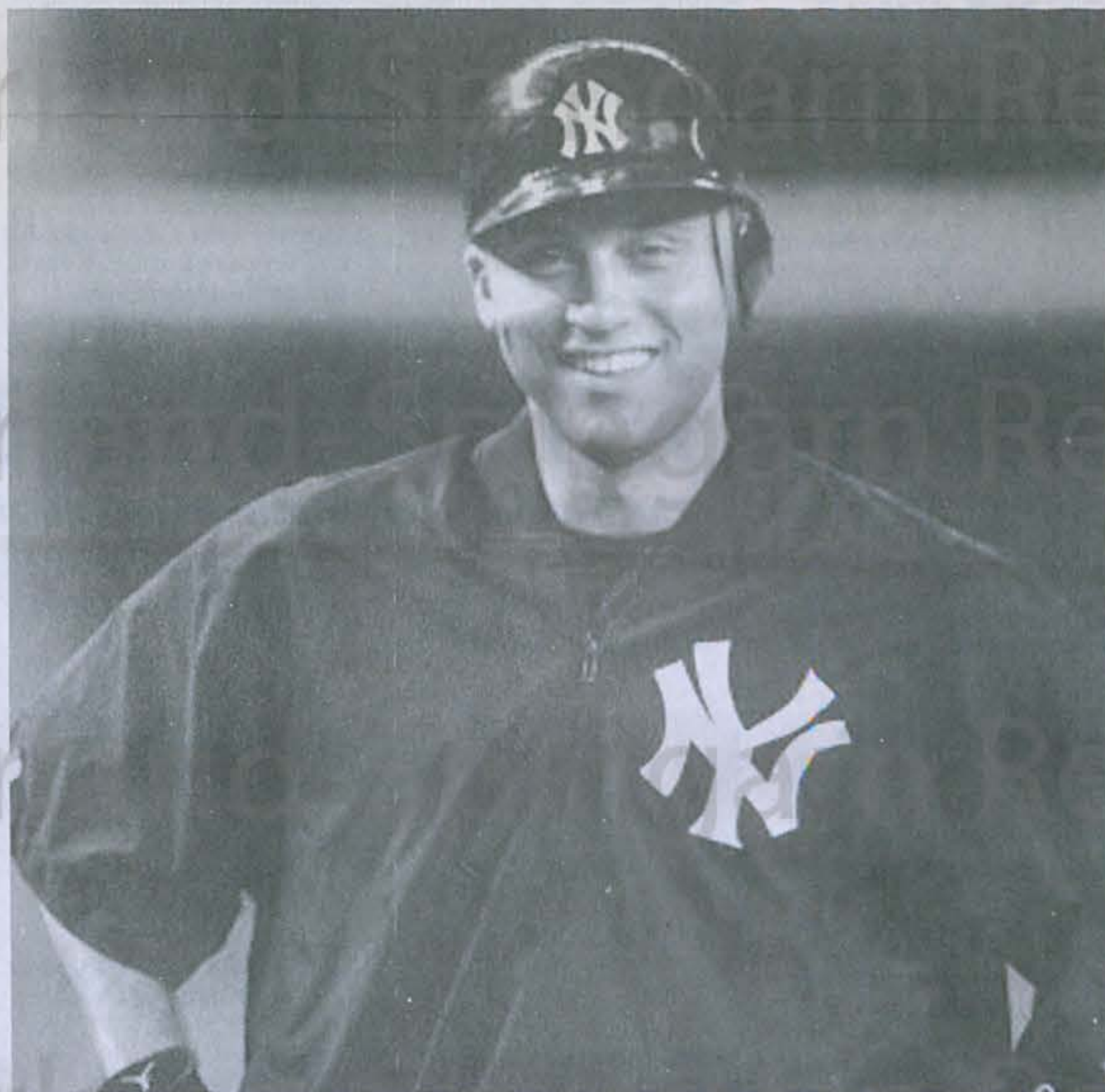
Though the American society is slowly becoming a true melting pot with different cultures and races of people intertwining, mixing, and creating offspring, there still seems to be sore spot when it comes to romantic relationships between black men and white women.

There is no more segregation and interracial marriage has long been legal, but the acceptance of black men being romantically involved with white women is still a heavily debated subject, especially by black women. While there is not much interracial dating on Howard's campus, most students did have a strong opinion about interracial dating between black men and white women.

"I do have a problem when black men date white women," began Laresha Ross, a sophomore human development major, "if there are things that we as the black community need to handle as far as 'men not being any good' or 'women being no good' then we need to tackle those issues as a whole. I feel like sometimes when people date outside of their race, they're avoiding some issue they have with their own people as opposed to tackling the issues at hand. And if we don't tackle the issues they'll only grow bigger while the welfare of our race will fall by the wayside," said Ross.

While there were some students like Ross who felt as if the only way for the black community to deal with its internal issues is to date exclusively inside its race, a lot of students feel as though black men in some sort of way turn their backs on their community when they date white women especially.

"[I don't like when black men date white women] because the man is supposed to be the figure head- the strength," said sophomore public relations major Ayanna Redwood-Crawford. "When a black man



New York Yankees shortstop, Derek Jeter, recently received hate mail warning him to stop dating outside his race, despite the fact that Jeter is biracial.

dates a white woman it's like he abandoned his own race."

While Jeter, who is actually biracial, is the only celebrity currently under attack for dating white women exclusively there are and have been lots of black celebrities who have dated and married white women like Taye Diggs, Tiger Woods and actor Wesley Snipes. The trend of successful black men dating white women go far beyond the classic Spike Lee Joint, "Jungle Fever".

"You almost never see a broke black man with a white woman, it's always the successful ones. It's like they get the house, the cars, and the white woman as if the white woman is a truesign that 'you have arrived' stated Redwood-Crawford." It feels like the black man turned his back on the black woman

and took his strength somewhere else. He left the black woman, who was there when he had nothing and now still has nothing."

While it may seem as if many successful black men are turning to white women to date and "wife", there are many that have stayed within the black community like Denzel Washington, Samuel L. Jackson, and Barack Obama, who all have black wives. Many Howard men are not rushing to the 'white flight' either.

"I never have the intentions of dating a white girl," commented junior art major Brock Horne. "There are some conversations that are hard to have with someone outside of your race, like cultural issues, and those are things that I want to be able to talk about comfortably

with a person that I'm involved in." Though Horne said that he never intended to date someone who was not black, he did add, "I find white women attractive, I see beauty in everyone but I'm not trying to get with them. I think white women can be pretty but black women are beautiful."

Interracial relationships between black men and white women may be the most controversial match compared to black men paired with Latina and Asian counterparts, in no way is the end near for interracial couples of any combinations. Black women have proved themselves resilient throughout history and will continue in the future no matter what the race, color, or creed of their chosen mate.

Health Briefs

Exercise Reduces Dementia Risk

People in their 40s and 50s who get a half hour of exercise at least twice a week may reduce their risk of dementia later in life by about 50 percent, says a Swedish study in the journal Lancet Neurology.

The study of nearly 1,500 men and women also found that this kind of physical activity could reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease by about 60 percent in people who are genetically prone to the disease, BBC News reported.

The findings have major disease prevention implications, the researchers said.

Previous research suggested that regular exercise may help protect people against dementia. However, this is the first study to examine the long-term (two decades) impact of exercise on dementia, BBC News reported.

Clowns Ease Children's Pre-Surgery Anxiety

Clowns can help reduce anxiety in children facing surgery, says an Italian study in the journal Pediatrics.

Researchers analyzed the stress levels of 40 children who were about to have minor surgery. Half the children interacted with two clowns before going into the operating room. The clowns stayed with the children, who were accompanied by a parent, while they were given a general anesthetic, which took about 15 minutes, BBC News reported.

The clowns entertained the children with soap bubbles, puppets, magic tricks and gags. The other children were only accompanied by a parent before the operation.

The researchers concluded that, overall, the children in the clown group were less stressed and anxious than the other children. The clowns also seemed to reduce stress and anxiety among parents, BBC

News reported.

However, some medical staff felt the clowns interfered with normal procedures and hindered the relationship between the children and doctors and nurses.

Movies Distort Sex and Drug Use, Review Says

Popular movies offer irresponsible portrayals of sex and drug use, says a study that reviewed the top 200 films of the last 20 years.

The study, in the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine, found that of 53 depictions of sex in the reviewed movies, only one made mention of condoms. That movie was "Pretty Woman," BBC News reported.

That means that 98 percent of sexual episodes in the movies did not mention or show use of any form of birth control. The movies also had no depictions of the consequences of unprotected sex, such as unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases or HIV infection.

All depictions of marijuana use in the movies were in a "good" or "neutral" light, the study said.

Overall, only one in four movies depicted such negative health behaviors, like smoking, alcohol intoxication, unprotected sex between new partners, non-injected drug use and alcohol intoxication.

"The movie industry influences the perception of billions of people around the world," said study leader Dr. Hasanth Gunasekera of the University of Sydney.

"Obviously, we understand that the movie industry is there to entertain and make money, and is not an instrument of public health advice. But we feel it is surprising that there's no attempt to reflect safe sex practices or the consequences of drug use," he told BBC News.

-Compiled by Erica Williams, Life & Style Editor

Source: www.healthday.com

Redskins' 3-0 Start Gives Area Fans Excitement

BY DREW COSTLEY
Deputy Sports Editor

The last time Joe Gibbs started head coaching in the NFL his football team was at the bottom of the barrel. And after his first season with the team, the Washington Redskins were not much better, finishing with, although markedly improved, only an 8-8 record.

But Gibbs did not implode as his patience paid off. The next season the Redskins went 8-1 in the strike-shortened 1982 season and won Super Bowl XVII.

Now that Gibbs has continued his illustrious career that placed him in the Hall of Fame, he and his revamped coaching staff are writing the same story again. Their 3-0 start has Howard University Redskins fans hopeful for the rest of the season.

Although not viewed by many experts as a huge win, the Skins first victory of the season came in the form of a 9-7 edging of the Chicago Bears. The Redskins, who were 7-9 in Gibbs' first season back, have won their season openers the last four seasons. But those same squads have all gone on to finish each of those seasons with sub-.500 records.

It was when the Redskins defeated NFC East rivals Dallas Cowboys 14-13 in a last min-

ute victory that has had fans abuzz. The win, which was the Redskins' first victory in Dallas since 1995, especially gave hope to sophomore psychology major Jarell Myers.

"That game was the turning point of the season and it will give them momentum to go through the season and get to the playoffs," said Myers, whose love for the Redskins was passed down through his father although he is from Kingston, Jamaica.

The win came on a ceremonial night for the Cowboys in which many of the team's former stars of the 1990's were being enshrined into the Cowboys' "Ring of Fame." Myers believes it was the overcoming of these menaces from the Redskins' past only added emphasis to their win.

He said, "Even if [the Redskins] finish 3-13, they beat Dallas at home when they were honoring the old Cowboys players. It will probably be the most emotional win of the season."

Over the off-season, the Redskins made major changes to their offense when they traded last year's number one receiver Laveranues Coles to the New York Jets for the speedy Santana Moss. The Redskins then refused to renew the contract of number two receiver Rod Gardner and replaced him with former New England Patriot David Patten. The most



Santana Moss who has 15 catches for 342 receiving yards and two touchdowns has played a major role in the Redskins' 3-0 start.

important change, though, has been the starting of Mark Brunell over former first round draft pick Patrick Ramsey after the former Tulane standout left Washington's grueling match against Chicago with a strained neck.

Sophomore communications major and area native

Herbert DeCarvalho Casey foresaw this switch at quarterback and believes Brunell is defying critics although he would rather see rookie Jason Campbell start behind center.

"I knew it was a good idea, although I wanted Campbell to be the starter. Brunell is doing a great job. Brunell is running

the ball better and passing better than Ramsey. It's backwards because many were beginning to say he's washed up, I was saying it," said Casey, who is from Silver Spring, Md.

He acknowledges that Brunell is not who he used to be, though. He said, "Brunell is not the Brunell he was in

Jacksonville but he's the Brunell [who] we need to score."

The Redskins latest victory, a 20-17, overtime victory over the Seattle Seahawks has made the Redskins' potential a much debated topic in national sports news. But is week four too early to pick potential playoff contenders?

Myers does not believe that it is, saying that the Redskins wins in upcoming conference games against the Philadelphia Eagles and the New York Giants could garner Washington even more attention.

"If they win in their division then that's going to help them a lot in the eyes of the media and on the national level because have been terrible against division teams."

"So if they are able to come out and beat Dallas again, beat Philly at least once and beat the Giants people are going to start turning their heads and looking at the Redskins like they are a good team that people have to look out for and they are going to gain respect," said Myers.

Casey realizes that the Redskins have a long road ahead of them even though he is still elated after the teams week two victory.

"A real Redskins fan knows that we have to play 16 games but come on, we beat Dallas, why can't we be hype," said Casey.

One-on-One with... a Tennis Player

BY TIFFANY KNIGHT
Contributing Writer

Los Angeles native, Kenneth Brown is a senior physical education major, and captain of the men's tennis team. Brown is the oldest of seven children and began playing tennis at the budding age of 11 years old.

His father used tennis, for him and his siblings, as an outlet. "My dad started us playing, so that we would stay off the streets," said Brown. His father's instincts would prove to be effective. As a result of his method, of the seven children, the two oldest have received full athletic scholarships to four year universities. Brown's 18-year-old sister, Melanie currently plays tennis at Prairie View A&M, in Houston, Texas.

In high school Brown was a well decorated athlete. Four years in a row, Brown received MVP honors. His goal was always to secure an athletic scholarship to a four year college or university.

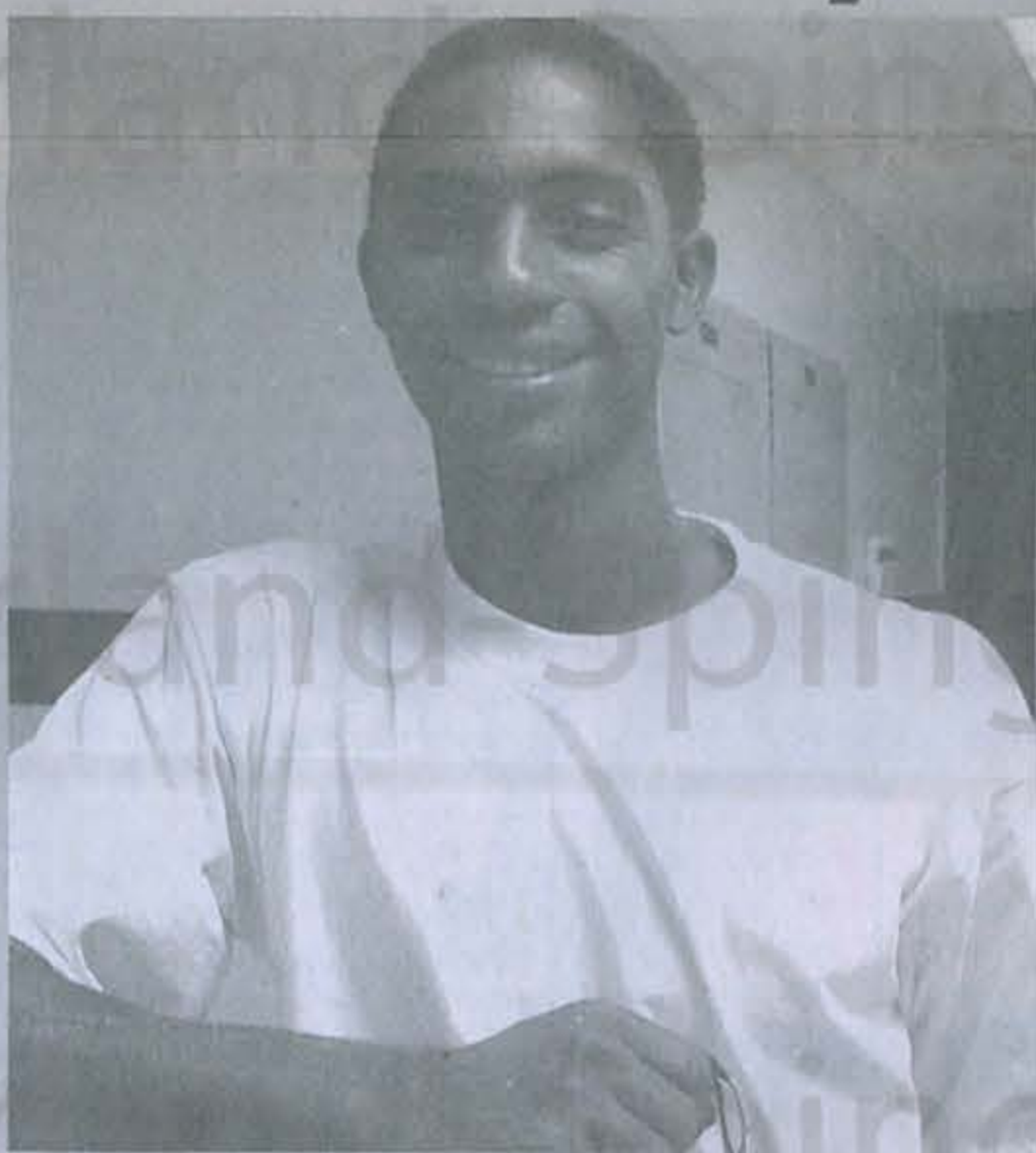
Since attending Howard, Brown's list of accomplishments has remained astonishing. In the 2004-2005 season Brown remained undefeated in the MEAC. Along with receiving a full athletic scholarship to Howard, he is most proud of his undefeated record.

During his sophomore year, Brown received MVP. In spring of 2005 he also received the honor of First-Team All Conference in the MEAC.

"Kenny is probably one of the hardest working players I have had here in 20 years," said Head Coach Larry Strickland.

Coach Strickland spoke of Brown with great pride, recognizing that many of his accomplishments have come from his raw talent and commitment to the sport. "He has the will of a champ," said Strickland.

A hard working, humble, quiet leader, Brown lets his game speak for him. Although



Meysa Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

Besides maintaining an undefeated record, Brown has also maintained a 3.0 GPA. The senior physical education major was named First Team All-MEAC last year.

his record is exceptional, his technique for vigilance is simple. "I go on the court and just try to win," says Brown.

As he oldest of seven kids it comes as no surprise that Brown has been born with the ability to lead. "He is a guy that leads by example, he understands that success comes from hard work," said Strickland.

Brown also illustrates a person that is willing to go above and beyond according to Coach Strickland. "Kenny is the guy that if you ask to run a mile will run two," Strickland said.

To add to Brown's impressive athletic achievements, he still manages to maintain a 3.0 GPA.

During the 2004-2005 academic school year, Brown was awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Lucy Moten Scholarship, to finance an outstanding academic experience to Brazil.

Over the summer Brown

spent a month and a half studying Portuguese and playing tennis in Brazil. As a dedicated pupil of the game, he practiced whenever the weather permitted. "When I was visiting Brazil, it was during their winter, so it rained a lot," he said.

With a look of bliss on his face Brown described Brazil as being an 'eye opening experience' that made him appreciate his American lifestyle to a higher degree.

Brown is hoping that one day his talent and athletic abilities will one day lead him to a professional tennis tour. "I hope to one day go on a pro-tour, and maybe eventually teach tennis in Brazil."

But until graduation, because of his refusal to lose, Brown is focused on winning, and going another season undefeated. "I hate to lose with a passion, and I will always work on and off the court to outplay my competition," said Brown.

Lady Bison Fall to GW, 3-0

BY CARYN GRANT
Asst. Sports Editor

The Lady Bison volleyball team fell to the Colonials of George Washington, 3-0 last night in a non-conference match.

The Colonials entered the match holding a 6-10 record while the Lady Bison searched for their third win of the season.

The Lady Bison began the match with a kill by sophomore outside hitter Morgan Maxwell (8 kills). However, the Colonials quickly took control of the game soaring to a 12-8 lead behind the serve of libero Jessica Vesey (2 service aces) and the net play of middle hitter Abigail Hatter (5 kills).

Howard junior outside hitter Kimberly Dexter and senior outside hitter Yanne' Givens tried to keep the Lady Bison in the game, each contributing two kills, but a long rally won by GW gave the Colonials a 19-12 lead and forced a Howard timeout.

Following the timeout the consistent serving of GW's Juliene McLaughlin and a fierce kill by Janine Brown increased the Colonials' lead to 10 points.

Howard's front row struggled to keep the Lady Bison in the game, but the towering hitters of George Washington led the Colonials to a 30-18 game one victory.

The Lady Bison quickly took a 4-1 lead behind the serving of Maxwell to avenge themselves in game two. George Washington's Vesey and Lindsey Vernand managed to pull the Colonials within one point, but the Bison stayed on top with kills from freshman hitter Janel James and Dexter.

However, a GW kill tied the game at 6-6. The Lady Bison would never regain the lead.

Howard kept the game close with kills from Dexter, Maxwell, Givens, and sophomore middle hitter Gabrielle Nicol.

George Washington's Brown delivered a round of jump serves, causing problems for the Bison defense. The Colonials pulled out to a 19-12 lead and forced a Howard timeout.

The Colonials continued to dominate after the timeout, taking a twelve point lead.

The Lady Bison showed signs of life when a kill by Dexter won a rally, returning the possession to Howard. But the intensity of Colonial players Hatter and Abigail Greenleaf clenched the game for GW, 30-18.

Head coach Linda Spencer said that passing was a problem in the second game.

"[Passing] wasn't a problem in the first game, so we didn't think we would have to fix that [during the second game]," Spencer said.

"That wheel on the wagon keeps getting broke," she said, using an analogy she often uses with the team. "Every time we fix one, another one breaks." Game three began with an intense rally, changing possession six times, that was ended by a kill from George Washington's Shannon Parks.

The Lady Bison recovered, keeping the game tight with the net play of James and Givens. The duo combined for a block, and Givens contributed a kill to give Howard the point. James

followed with a kill of her own. The Lady Bison took a one point lead. The combination of net play by the Colonial's Vernand and middle hitter Kelly Kabbes allowed George Washington to run off eight straight points behind the serve of setter Jessica Buche.

A tip by Buche left the Howard front row discombobulated, bringing the score to 19-8 and forcing Coach Spencer to call a timeout.

Givens and Maxwell battled at the net in a struggle to keep the game close, but the Colonials won the match with a 30-16 game three victory.

Coach Spencer pointed to the team's hitting percentage as one reason for the loss.

"We can't win games with hitting percentages at (.063)," said Spencer following the match. The Colonials finished with a .302 hitting percentage.

The Lady Bison return to conference play when they host the Lady Hornets of Delaware State tomorrow at 7 p.m.



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The Lady Bison have continued to struggle this season. The team was dominated by the Colonials of George Washington University, losing all three games by twelve points or more.

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